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5. (Amended) An *in vitro* process for producing a polynucleotide comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining a polynucleotide template encoding a sequence capable of hybridizing to a gene trapped sequence of SEQ ID NOS:9, 10, 12-14, 16-18;
- b) combining said template with a synthetic oligonucleotide sequence of about 14 to about 80 bases in length that comprises a contiguous sequence of at least about 12 nucleotides disclosed in one of SEQ ID NOS:9, 10, 12-14, 16-18; and
- c) processing the combined oligonucleotide and template preparation such that said oligonucleotide sequence hybridizes to said template in the presence of a DNA polymerase molecule and a sufficient concentration of dNTPs for said oligonucleotide sequence to prime DNA synthesis by said polymerase,

wherein a polynucleotide is produced that encodes at least about 50 contiguous nucleotides first disclosed in one of SEQ ID NOS:9, 10, 12-14, 16-18.

Please add the following new claims:

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10. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a contiguous stretch of at least about 30 nucleotides of at least one of SEQ ID NO:9, 13, 14, 17, 18.

11. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a contiguous stretch of at least about 40 nucleotides of at least one of SEQ ID NO:9, 12-14, 16-18.

12. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising at least one of SEQ ID NOS:9-18.

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13. (New) An isolated polynucleotide capable of hybridizing to a polynucleotide of Claim 3, 10 or 11 under high stringency conditions.